

Health Director's Message

Public Health's mission is to protect and promote health. This is accomplished through the prevention of disease and injury and the promotion of good health habits, to ensure a longer, healthier life. Striving to meet these challenges, the Health Department offers a wide range of services that are critical to the well being of our community. These diverse programs include those mandated by the State; such as communicable disease, public health planning, preparedness and response, environmental health and vital records. Other programs include a combination of direct health care services and community-wide programs. In addition, Health Department staff play a prominent role in partnering with the community to create innovative programs to address specific health problems, such as breast cancer awareness, childhood immunizations, injury prevention and dental care.

Today, there are many challenges facing the health status of our community including cardiovascular disease, cancer, obesity, teenage pregnancy, communicable disease, vector-borne disease, safe food and water, and dental care, as well as biological, chemical and radiological terrorism.

More than ever, it is the people...you...who can help keep our communities and our children safe and healthy. Every citizen has a responsibility to become informed and involved in ensuring a healthy future for themselves, their family and their community.

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